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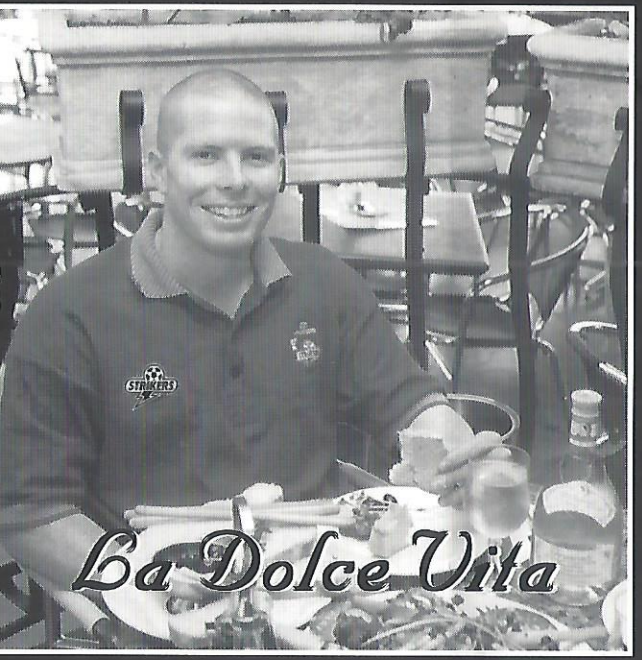

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FRONT COVER: Shane Stefanutto battles for possession against the Adelaide Force during the Strikers last outing at Suncorp Stadium.

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HYUNDAI

Three from three - what a nice way to start the season. None of the pundits ever tipped it.

I've even heard scandal about a local journalist who'd written us off before we even kicked a ball getting some stick from his workmates about the humble pie he's eaten lately.

A good dose of humility never does any harm to anyone but lets get things in perspective.

Whilst our start has been good we still have 31 games to go - we still have a lot to get sorted out, on and off the park - and we still need a bit more depth in the squad.

But most importantly, we still need to keep our attitude right because that's what's got us on track in the first place.

And we will really need to be tuned in tonight. The Spirit are coming here on the back of two losses and the pressure is on.

Full-time players, big money = big expectations plus they have the added incentive of revenging their 5-1 loss here last season.

Expect them to come out all fired up. If I know Graham Arnold, they'd better be or there could be a few players removing splinters from their rear ends in the weeks to come.

One of the players that has been in my opinion an unsung hero in the past 3 games has been David Pilic.

I have never met a young player with as good an attitude as Dave.

Take note of his workrate tonight - the kid is a machine. He never stops. If you cut his legs off he'd walk on his hands.

And he can play a bit as well! Keep an eye on him in the future.

Kossie

lotto

From the Top

o all Strikers supporters and players, d to the players, officials and pporters of our visiting side tonight, rthern Spirit, welcome to Suncorp tway Stadium.

ne match is set to be a classic encounter some of the best talent in the National cer League will be on display this evening.

ur Strikers will be looking to continue their pressive start to the season, while the rthern Spirit will be keen to move into top half of the table after dropping some nts early in the season.

ne Strikers position on top of the league der after three rounds is testimony to the fessionalism displayed by club personnel h on and off the field.

nce taking over as Managing Director and airman of the Brisbane Strikers in mid ptember, days have turned into weeks at sturbing rate.

lot of planning, albeit in a relatively short eframe, has gone into ensuring the kers are in the best possible position to this year's title.

new strip, the acquisition of eight new yers and the normal rush that occurs at start of a new season have kept everyone y over the last few weeks.

e have managed to piece together what I eve will be a successful collection of player sonnel, coaching staff, sponsors and inistration staff.

John Kosmina we are blessed with one Australian Soccer's icons.

verall, the squad has a solid blend of youth experience with the guile of players like k Meredith, Paul Foster and Glenn ynne complemented by the exuberance Shane Stefanutto and Andrew Davidson.

At a recent interview, I mentioned that the attitude at the Club had been positive.

Our goal this year at the Strikers is quite simple... We are determined to win the championship.

This determination has transferred to the pitch in the early part of the season and it is now a matter of maintaining that high of performance on a weekly basis.

Our first game of the year which resulted in a 1-0 away win against the Knights was a good start considering it is one of the hardest road trips in the league.

A home win against the Adelaide Force in Round 2 was made all the more sweet for me due to my involvement with Gold Coast City Soccer Club and their great win in the final of the Queensland Cup.

A win against the Cosmos in Round 3 has catapulted the Strikers into top position on the ladder, which I must admit is a very satisfying place to be.

However, the season has only just begun and we have another tough encounter tonight against the Northern Spirit.

The Northern Spirit are a classy outfit and I'm sure Graham Arnold will have his side primed for a strong performance.

The Spirit's position on the league ladder belies the wealth of talent they have in their ranks and there is no doubt that football fans will be treated to a wonderful match this evening.

On behalf of the Strikers, I would like to thank you for your continued support. The Strikers are committed to a successful 1999/2000 and I would encourage each and every fan to continue supporting the Strikers in their endeavours.

Tony Petty.

Match Preview

No changes to winning formula

Strikers coach John Kosmina is unlikely to make any changes to his squad for tonight's match against Sydney glamour side Northern Spirit.

Three matches into the season and it appears as though the Strikers coach has got things right, with his side sitting atop the National League table after three solid victories.

And not surprisingly, Kosmina is reluctant to make any unnecessary changes.

"Why change things when they are going right," the Strikers coach said. "We've struck a bit of a winning formula early on so there really is no need to change anything.

"There are still a number of little things we need to get right, but the work ethic is there and the focus is right. So we're fairly happy with the way things are travelling."

The Strikers coach used last week's last minute 1-0 victory in Canberra to illustrate his point.

"In previous years we would have drawn that match 0-0 or possibly even lot it at the death, but this year we've become a 90 minute side, and that showed in the win against Canberra," Kosmina said.

The Strikers coach believed the honest work ethic was a direct reflection on his playing personnel for this season.

"Last year we probably didn't have the players we have now, who could score a winner in the final moments of a game," Kosmina said.

"This year, it's quite obvious that the players are able to last the full distance and capitalise on late opportunities."

The win against Canberra ensured Brisbane remained the only side in the competition with an unblemished winning record.

And that is something that the Northern Spirit team will be hoping to put an end to this evening.

The Sydney club has an incredible wealth of talent to draw from, however the side is coming off two losses, including a rather humiliating 2-0 defeat last weekend to Newcastle, in front of 12,000 home supporters.

And Kosmina knows exactly how those losses will serve to spur the Spirit on.

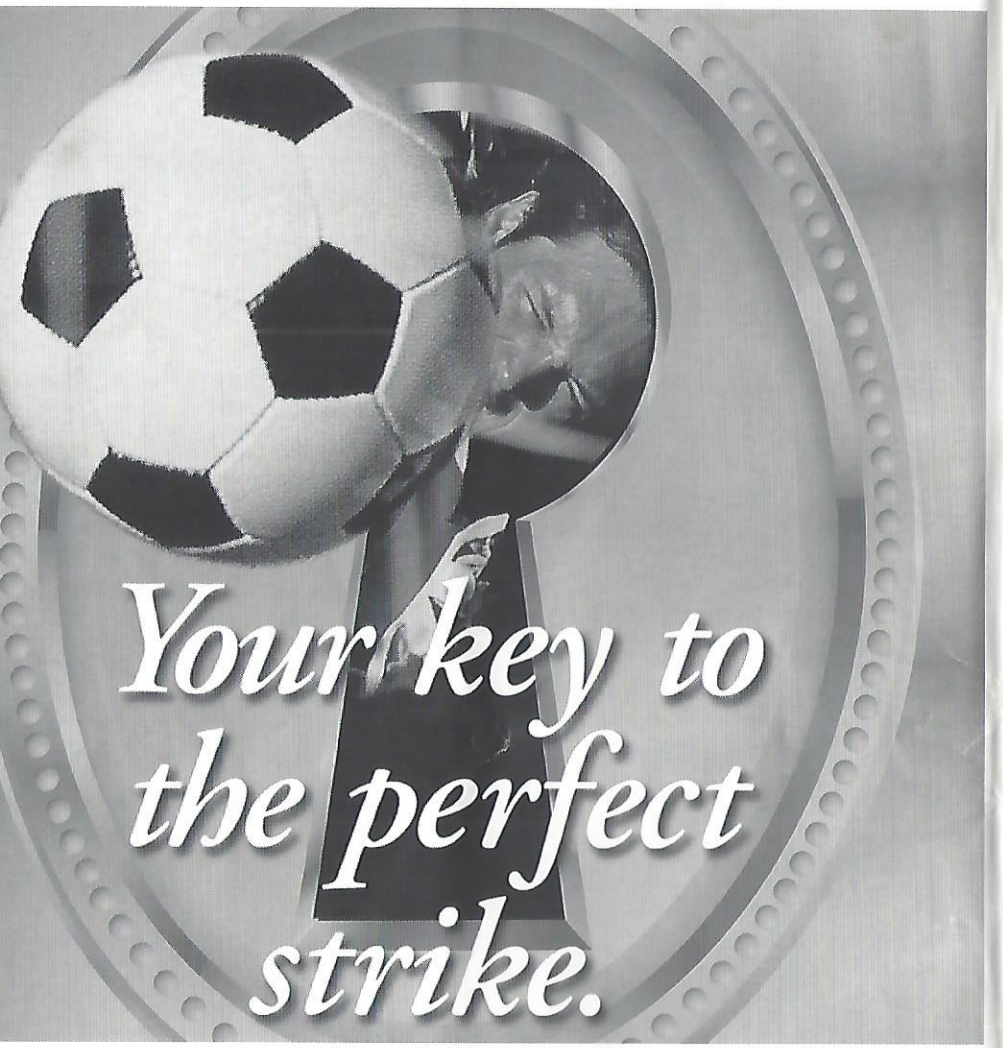
"Arnie (Graham Arnold) would've given them a serve after last week's match and any sense of comfort the players in the side may have had, he would've quickly eroded," the Strikers coach said.

"Even though they are coming off the back of two losses, they have enough experience and class to turn things around very quickly."

The last time the Spirit ventured to Suncorp-Metway Stadium, they went back across the border with their tails between their legs, after the Strikers handed them out a 5-1 thrashing.

However Kosmina believes that humiliating loss will also serve as a big motivator for the visitors tonight.

Regardless, the Strikers coach is confident his side can continue the run of good form it is currently enjoying, and keep the Spirit confined to the lower end of the table for another week at least.



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Stuey's Say

If you're anything like me you'll have a little smile on your face as you settle in for tonight's contest with Graham Arnold's strong Northern Spirit side.

Yes, it has been a positive start to the millenium season, but by far the most pleasing aspect of the performances & results so far has been the mental approach of our players.

Ever since the first pre-season training session. The focus and determination of the lads, both individually & collectively, has been nothing short of excellent.

But while this has been the key to our three wins so far, something else which has been evident in the squad will stand us in good stead for the difficult matches ahead (starting tonight).

That something has been a realisation that the season is only three games old and to be successful you must gain positive results consistantly over the full 34 game season.

To take a glimpse at the lighter side of our squad I will continually update you on the winners of our "Forrest Gump of the Week" Award.

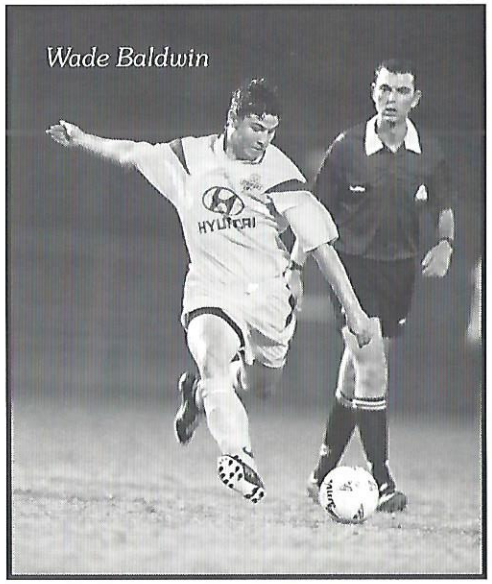
The lucky recipient must wear the 'never to be washed, highly unfashionable' t-shirt for a week.

We have actually had so many nominations we're thinking of changing it to a daily award! This week's winner was Wade Baldwin for the biggest sniper I have ever seen in a training session.

He takes over from David Pilic who tried to gain Ansett Global Rewards points at the desk at the airport with his Fly Buys card.

Well, that's all I have to update you with, so, thanks for your support and enjoy the match.

Stuart McLaren



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Striker Profile

To talk to the man, you would think he has a wealth of experience in the National League and a focussed outlook on the future.

And certainly, Shane Stefanutto has the latter, but after listening to him, you would find it hard to believe he is just 19 years of age and has played in only a handful of National League matches.

In fact it is only the defender's second season in the big league, following three years with the Queensland Academy of Sport.

For the soccer purist, Shane Stefanutto is a classic example of a talented player being identified early and coming through the ranks to play for his state's National League team.

Born and bred in Cairns, an area which has proved a good breeding ground for Queensland players, Stefanutto was spotted early in his sporting career by the then South-East Queensland Director of Coaching Andrew Bettell.

"He basically told me to come down to Brisbane to expose myself to better competition and give myself the best chance of making representative teams," Shane said.

And the rest as they say is history. But it wasn't just a case of Shane, packing his bags and heading for the big smoke. Being a teenager, if Shane was to move down to the south-east corner, so too was his family.

Incredibly, his parents decided to make the massive move from Cairns, to settle on the Gold Coast.

"It was an amazing thing they did, and they did it basically all for me," Shane said.

"I guess that move showed the amount of faith they had in my ability and I would dearly love to repay them back some day, through my soccer."

On the Gold Coast, Stefanutto played with Southport in the local competition, and before long was rewarded with a place in the QAS squad.

And it was under coach and former National League stalwart Gary Phillips, that the young defender began to really blossom.

"Gary helped me a great deal. He has a good program there especially when you consider the number of QAS players to rise up to the Strikers ranks," Shane said.

"I think it also helps that Gary has been there and done it all before, so he can prepare you for the big step up.

"Having said that I think it still comes down to the individual and their desire to perform at the top level."

Shane said he was still adjusting to the pace and skill of the NSL, however a season with the Gold Coast in the XXXX Premier League had helped him considerably.

"The XXXX League is probably more physical than the National League, so the time spent with the Gold Coast this year, helped toughen me up and prepare me for the National League," the young defender said.

"Having experienced players like Nick Meredith and Glenn Gwynne around has also helped me heaps. They're very influential, because you see how they lead from the front and you try to emulate what they do. When they tell you to do something you listen and you learn."

Shane said he would like to continue with the Strikers after his contract runs out at the end of the year and ultimately, play professionaly for Australia.

See Colour Poster on Centre Pages

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Tables

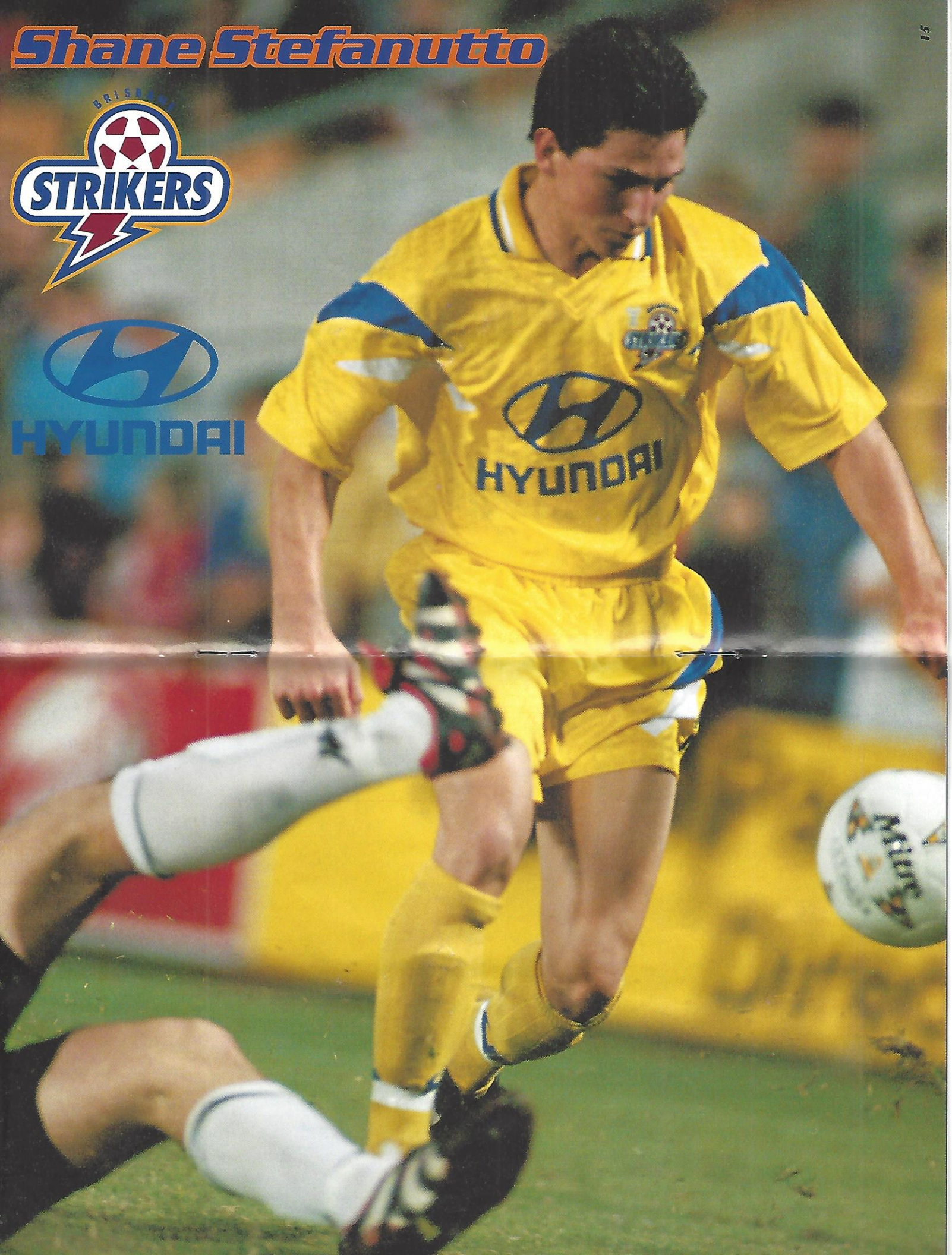
National Soccer League Table After Round 3

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
STRIKERS	3	3	0	0	4	1	9
Carlton SC	3	2	1	0	8	1	7
Sydney Olympic	3	2	1	0	7	2	7
Perth Glory	3	2	1	0	7	2	7
Newcastle Breakers	3	1	2	0	6	4	5
Parramatta Power	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Sydney United	3	1	1	1	3	4	4
Wollongong Wolves	3	1	1	1	4	7	4
Canberra Cosmos	3	1	0	2	3	2	3
South Melbourne	3	1	0	2	3	3	3
Northern Spirit	3	1	0	2	3	3	3
Adelaide Force	3	1	0	2	3	6	3
Football Kingz	3	1	0	2	2	5	3
Gippsland Falcons	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Marconi Stallions	3	0	2	1	4	8	2
Melbourne Knights	3	0	0	3	1	6	0

National Youth League 1999/2000
Northern Division Table as at 17 October 1999

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AIS	3	3	0	0	18	1	9
Parramatta Power	3	3	0	0	13	0	9
QAS	3	2	1	0	14	3	7
Northern Spirit	2	2	0	0	4	2	6
Wollongong Wolves	3	2	0	1	3	1	6
Northern Spirit Colts	2	1	1	0	4	1	4
ACT AS	3	1	1	1	5	9	4
Sydney Olympic	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
NSW IS	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Sydney Olympic Academy	2	1	0	1	7	9	3
Marconi Stallions	2	2	0	1	2	5	3
Newcastle Breakers	3	0	0	3	0	3	0
Newcastle Breakers Colts	3	0	0	3	3	9	0
Wollongong Wolves Colts	2	0	0	2	2	8	0
Sydney United Colts	3	0	0	3	3	11	0
Marconi Stallions Colts	2	0	0	2	0	8	0
Sydney United	2	0	1	1	0	9	0

Shane Stefanutto



Around the Grounds

esults from NSL - Round 3

elaide Force 2 (D Kim 35', D Mori 42') v Parramatta Power 1 (P Bennett 54')
tions: D Kim (AF) 35' Red Cards: W Ardone (PP) 75'
ue: Hindmarsh Stadium Referee: David Dwight
wd 99/00: 6,383 Crowd 98/99: N/A

nberra Cosmos 0 v Brisbane Strikers 1 (P Foster 87')
tions: C Gonzalez (CC) 38'
ue: Bruce Stadium Referee: Jeremy Blaney
wd 99/00: 2,804 Crowd 98/99: 5,321

rthern Spirit 0 v Newcastle Breakers 2 (G Owens 15', P Juchniewicz 89')
tions: S Pryce (NB) 39', M Rudan (NS) 47', P Juchniewicz 89'
ue: North Sydney Oval Referee: Matthew Breeze
wd 99/00: 12,733 Crowd 98/99: 13,206

llongong Wolves 0 v Sydney Olympic 4 (P Cardozo 7' pen, 70', 80', Z Arambasic 28')
tions: S Thomas (SO) 2', N Spencer (WW) 25', P Zorbas (SO) 61', P Cardozo (SO) 79'
ue: Brandon Park Referee: Gerry Connolly
wd 99/00: 5,021 Crowd 98/99: 4,218

psland Falcons 1 (D Fak 78') v Sydney United 1 (A Moric 60')
tions: V Savoca (SU) 34', A Moric (SU) 37', A Vargas (GF) 59 Red Cards: R Younis (SU) 83'
ue: Falcons Park Referee: Con Diomis
wd 99/00: 1,953 Crowd 98/99: 2,013

otball Kingz 1 (A Silva 32') v South Melbourne 0
tions: A Silva (FK) 32', F De Amicis (SM) 50', J Perry (FK) 51', F de Jong (FK) 59', M Curcija (SM) 62', oveny (SM) 85', G Goutzoulis (SM) 87' Red Cards R Liparod (SM) 62'
ue: North Harbour Stadium Referee: Mark Shield
wd 99/00: 4,500 Crowd 98/99: N/A

bourne Knights 0 v Perth Glory 3 (P Magdic og 16', C Boutsianis 70', B Despotovski)
tions: J Rajher (MK) 6', M Reda (MK) 30', J Harnwell (PG) 33', J Vukadin (MK) 44'
ue: Knights Stadium Referee: Simon Micallef
wd 99/00: 3,360 Crowd 98/99: 3,905

rconi Stallions 0 v Carlton 4 (A Thompson 40', J Tricarico 71', D McPherson 81', larth pen 86')
tions: B Renaud (MS) 24', D McDonald (MS) 26' Red Cards: D Aceski (MS) 86'
ue: Marconi Stadium Referee: Brett Hugo
wd 99/00: 6,219 Crowd 98/99: 4,235

Brisbane Strikers 1999/00 Fixtures

Date	Opponents		F-A	1 Bolton	2 Gwynne	3 Stefanutto	4 Davidson	5 Bell	6 Ditton	7 Smeltz	8 Pilic	9 Foster	10 Sinfoj	11 Di-Losa	12 Dwyer	13 McLaren	14 North	15 Lagone	16 Hews	17 Harris	18 Meredith	19 Baldwin	20 Duke
Sun 3/10	Melbourne Knights	A	1-0	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	S		▲	▲		▲	▲1	▲		S		▲		S	
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Fri 15/10	Canberra Cosmos	A	1-0	▲	▲	▲	▲		▲		▲	▲1			▲	▲				▲			
Sat 23/10	Northern Spirit	H																			▲		
Sat 30/10	Parramatta Power	H																					
Sun 7/11	Perth Glory	A																					
Sat 13/11	Carlton	H																					
Sun 21/11	Sydney United	A																					
Sat 27/11	South Melbourne	H																					
Fri 3/12	Newcastle Breakers	A																					
Sat 11/12	Gippsland Falcons	H																					
Sun 19/12	Sydney Olympic	A																					
Tues 28/12	Wollongong Wolves	H																					
Sat 8/1	Melbourne Knights	H																					
Sat 15/1	Gippsland Falcons	A																					
Sat 22/1	Marconi	H																					
Wed 26/1	Marconi	A																					
Sat 29/1	Kings FC	H																					
Fri 4/2	Adelaide Force	A																					
Sat 12/2	Canberra Cosmos	H																					
Fri 18/2	Northern Spirit	A																					
Fri 25/2	Parramatta Power	A																					
Sat 4/3	Perth Glory	H																					
Fri 10/3	Carlton	A																					
Sat 18/3	Sydney United	H																					
Sun 26/3	South Melbourne	A																					
Sat 1/4	Newcastle Breakers	H																					
Sat 8/4	Gippsland Falcons	A																					
Sat 15/4	Sydney Olympic	H																					
Sat 22/4	Wollongong Wolves	A																					
Tues 25/4	Northern Spirit	H																					
Fri 28/4	Kings FC	A																					
Sun 7/5	Gippsland Falcons	H																					
	Individual League Appearances			147	172	15	13	35	62	0	1	78	11	1	16	55	12	22	79	59	208	1	1
	Individual League Goals			0	2	0	8	1	6	0	0	8	0	0	3	7	1	2	1	9	25	0	0

LEGEND: ▲ = Played S = Substitute ● = Non playing substitute ✶ =Own goal in scoreline □ = Yellow Card ■ = Red Card

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>>>>>>> *"Talking Tactics with Kossie from page 11*

were caught out a couple of times against Newcastle last week, although once again they have three very capable players at the back in Luke Casserley, Mark Rudan and Matt Bingley.

Both Bingley and Casserley are natural attackers who like to get in amongst the action.

Rudan, on the other hand, who's also quite creative, is probably their most orthodox defender.

We're certainly not expecting them to sit back and defend all night, so there may be a few opportunities for us there throughout the night.

But basically we'll stick with what's been working for us over the past few weeks and hopefully come away with our fourth successive win.

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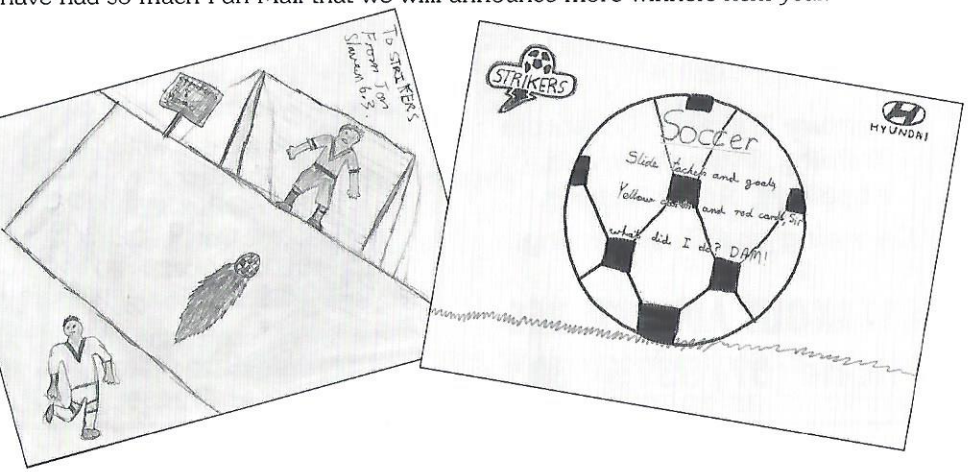
have had so much Fan Mail that we willl announce more winners next year.



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FA Cup Challenge

The "California Creek" (pictured above) won this year's FA Cup Challenge on Saturday, July 10.

Calendar of Events

ate	Event	Venue	Time
November			
13th	Brisbane Strikers v Carlton		7pm
20th	**Training BBQ**	Perry Park	9am
	Come and watch the Strikers train and then stay for a BBQ		
27th	Brisbane Strikers v South Melbourne		7pm
December			
d 1st	**Ladies Croquet Day**	New Farm Park	10am
d 8th	**Supporters Christmas Party**	Perry Park	
11th	Brisbane Strikers v Gippsland		7pm
n 12th	**Junior Strikers Christmas Party**	Perry Park	5.30pm
t 18th	**Training BBQ**	Perry Park	9am
	Come and watch the Strikers train and then stay for a BBQ		
24th	**Mid season Breakfast**		7am
e 28th	Brisbane Strikers v Wollongong		7pm
January			
t 8th	Brisbane Strikers v Melbourne Knights		7pm
-19th	**Back to School Coaching Clinic**	Perry Park	9am
t 22nd	**Brisbane Strikers v Marconi**		7pm
t 29th	**Brisbane Strikers v Kingz FC**		7pm
February			
n 6th	**Pee Wee Carnival**	Perry Park	
	Chance for our junior supporters to play a few games on the training grounds of the Strikers		
t 12th	**Brisbane Strikers v Canberra Cosmos**		7pm
n 14th	**Ladies Valentines Lunch**		
	Treat yourself to a romantic lunch with the players		
e 22nd	**Strikers Networking Golf Day**		
	A chance to mix business with pleasure		
March			
t 4th	Brisbane Strikers v Perth Glory		7pm
t 18th	Brisbane Strikers v Sydney United		7pm
n 19th	**Family Day & Car Rally**		
	Just like a treasure hunt on wheels		
t 25th	**Supporters Training BBQ**		9am
April			
t 1st	Brisbane Strikers v Newcastle Breakers		7pm
t 15th	Brisbane Strikers v Sydney Olympic		7pm
e 25th	Brisbane Strikers v Northern Spirit		7pm
May			
t 6th	**Supporters Training BBQ**		9am
n 7th	Brisbane Strikers v Gippsland		5pm
t 21st	**FA Cup Challenge**	Perry Park	
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on 5th	**Gentlemen's Lounge**		
9th	**Presentation Awards**		

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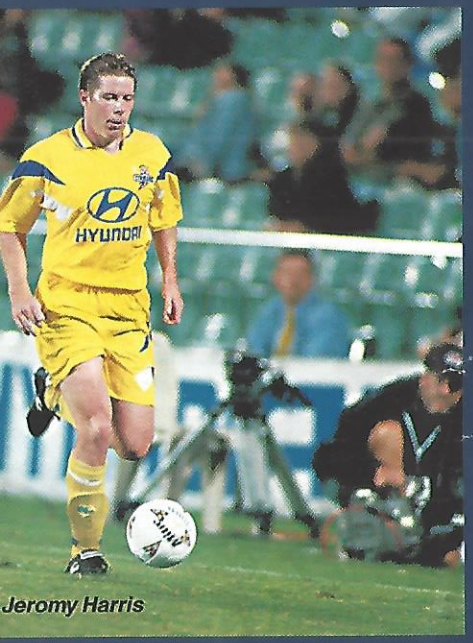
Strikers Snaps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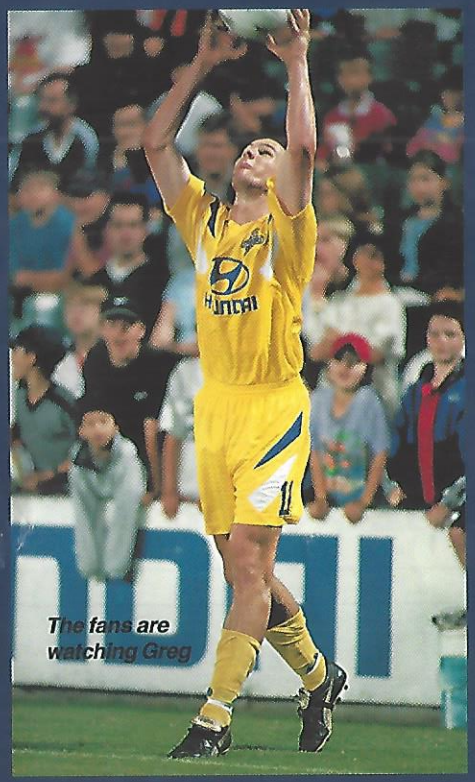
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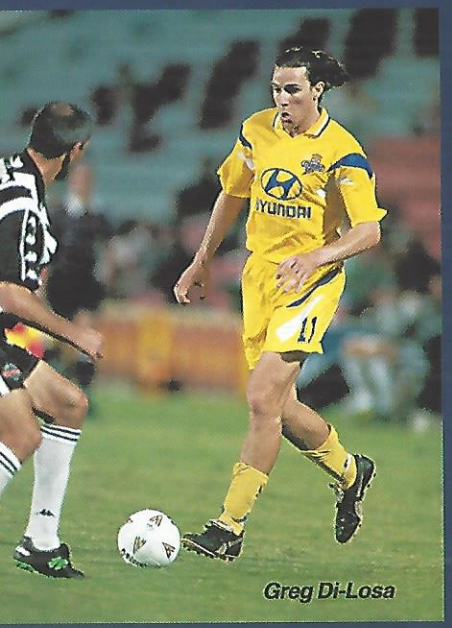
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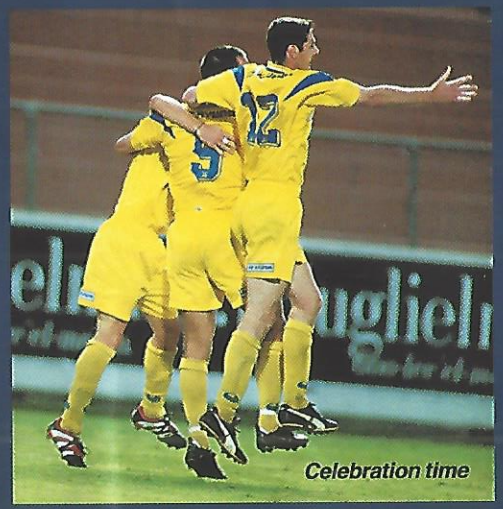
Celebration time

Match Review

STRIKERS V's Canberra Cosmos

The Strikers continued their winning way down in the nation's capital last weekend, with a hard fought 1-0 win over the Canberra Cosmos.

Despite the closeness of the scoreline however, Strikers coach John Kosmina said the Cosmos were really never in the match.

"I think we were a little more dominant than they were and after the game, their coach Tom Sermani came up to me and said that we deserved the victory," Kosmina said.

The Strikers came out with guns blazing in the first half, but despite a spate of opportunities the visitors failed to find the back of the net.

Clint Bolton was forced to make a couple of crucial saves during the first half, but it was the Strikers that looked most likely to break the deadlock.

Incredibly though, the Cosmos almost snatched a goal towards the end of the match, after Paul Foster had a shot cleared off the line by Robbie Hooker.

The ensuing play saw the Cosmos, create their own piece of counter-attacking flair, however a lack of confidence in front of goal meant the opportunity would never count.

Minutes into injury time, the Strikers patience paid dividends however, with Foster finally rewarded for his hard work in front of goal.

The winner finally came, allowing the Strikers to claim their third successive win and another three valuable competition points.

The Strikers coach paid full credit to his players after the match, citing the team's honest work ethic as the difference between the two sides on the night.

"We stayed tuned in for the full ninety minutes and in the end we were rewarded for all of our earlier effort," Kosmina said.

"Overall I thought it was a very solid performance from our blokes and a good carry on from the Adelaide Force match the previous week.

"That win will give the boys a bit more confidence for their next match, but I think more importantly it was a real reflection of the personality and the character of the squad as a whole.

"We don't have any stars, just a bunch of honest workers."

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